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Following hearing held Thursday, July 19, in Montgomery, Alabama

APOST revokes certifications for three Elba Police Officers

Three Elba Police officers learned their fate as officers last Thursday, July 19, following a nearly 4-hour hearing in Montgomery, Alabama at the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (APOST or Commission) headquarters.

The certifications of former Elba Police Chief Freddy L. Hanchey, Lieutenant Robert W. LaVoie, and Investigator Carl Andrew Gunter were suspended by APOST on June 8, 2018 as the result of an ongoing investigation for alleged forgery and submission of required annual firearms qualification reports to APOST.

Chief R. Alan Benefield, executive secretary for APOST, said the investigation of the Elba Police Department found that forged false firearms qualification forms (POST-5) were submitted to APOST on a number of officers with the Elba Police Department for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017. He said Hanchey, LaVoie and

Gunter knew the submitted information on the Post form 5 documents were false.

"These actions were part of a systematic practice at the Elba Police Department to provide forged false qualification forms to the Commission for substantially all officers with the Elba Police Department, when in fact firearms qualifications of those officers had not been conducted in 2015, 2016, or 2017," said Benefield.

He said ensuring that law enforcement officers maintain proficiency in using

their service weapons is a matter of public safety of the highest order.

Last Thursday's hearing was set by the Commission with the intent to revoke the certifications of the three officers pursuant to Alabama Code Section 4-22-19c, and Alabama Admin. Code Rule 650-X-6-.01. The revocation is based upon Alabama Admin. Code Rule 650-X-2-.05(12) which provides that "[a]ny law enforcement officer who knowingly and willfully violates the Rules

and

Regulations of the Commission, shall be subject to having their certification suspended or revoked by the Commission."

"Following the nearly 4-

hour hearing, the Commission voted to revoke all three certifications," Benefield said.

"These three men will no longer be law enforcement officers in the State of Alabama. It is a sad situation, and I hate to see it happen."

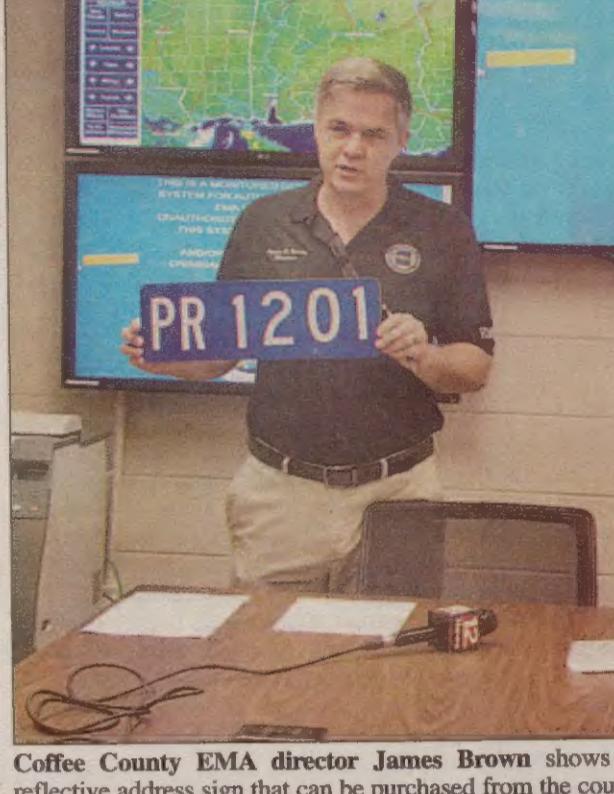
He said APOST is charged with making sure that peace officers follow the rules and guidelines set forth for them, and unfortunately, some times things happen that require action to be taken.

"They [Hanchey, LaVoie and Gunter] did not deny the charges [against them] during the hearing," Benefield added.

Benefield further said, in the case of Carl Andrew Gunter, he actually had already surrendered his certification to APOST prior to last week's hearing and acted as a witness during the hearing.

It was revealed during the hearing that APOST became aware of the alleged forgery and submission of false documents to them through another member of the Elba Police

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Coffee County EMA director James Brown shows a reflective address sign that can be purchased from the county's volunteer fire departments to properly display addresses.

County emergency agencies ask citizens to display property addresses with reflective signs

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County emergency responders came together Monday, July 23, for a press conference urg-

ing Coffee County citizens to abide by a resolution passed earlier this year to display assigned property addresses on their property.

The resolution was passed April 9th by the Coffee County Commission, and Coffee County EMA director James Brown said there had been a good start to getting reflective signs displayed throughout the county, but he said there was still a long way to go.

"There are still plenty that don't have addresses and that makes it difficult for first responders," Brown said. "We don't want any delays in getting to people."

The resolution proclaims that all permanently occupied residences or businesses in the unincorporated areas of Coffee County be clearly marked with their unique assigned physical address.

Brown said the posted address should be with at least 2 1/2 inch letters and be on reflective material. He said this is a personal responsibility of the property owner to get the addresses displayed.

"We're here this morning to reiterate the resolution to require addresses on property," Brown said. "This is simply a life and safety issue. We encourage everyone to put the address marker on the property."

Brown showed an example of the reflective address signs that can be purchased

CCBOE makes several hires during special meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Tuesday, July 24, for a called meeting and had several personnel matters to consider.

There was a quorum for the meeting, but three board members were missing – Eric Payne, Larry Eddins and Rubin McKinnon.

Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth had a lengthy list of personnel recommendations for the board to approve.

Three teacher resignations were approved. These included:

- Resignation of Kathryn Gilley as an elementary teacher at Kinston

- Resignation of Patrick Lord as band director/teacher at New Brockton elementary and high schools

- Resignation of Anthony Carter as physical education teacher/coach at New Brockton elementary and high schools.

Six certificated employments were approved. These included:

- DeWayne Hamilton hired as transportation supervisor (includes duties of facilities coordinator and safety coordinator).

- Julie Butterworth hired as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School

- Ryan Gresko hired as band director/teacher at New Brockton elementary and high schools

- Ranae Watts hired as a teacher/instructional coach at New Brockton High School

- Keith Simmons hired as physical education teacher at New Brockton elementary and high schools

- Crystal Hawthorne hired as a teacher/reading coach at Kinston School.

A leave request for Jessie Grant was approved. This is for maternity leave

from approximately July 10 through Aug. 31.

In regards to classified personnel, the board approved the resignation of Anna Padgett as a Pre-K instructional aide at Zion Chapel. The board also approved the hire of Nicole Senn for that same position.

The superintendent had several coaching duties assignments to share with the board as well. These included: Marty Marler will receive a supplement as Kinston School's assistant football coach; Andy Sanders will receive a supplement as Kinston School's head softball coach; Rachel Wilson will receive a supplement as Kinston School's assistant softball coach; Whitney Rugg will receive a supplement as Zion Chapel School's assistant volleyball coach; Keith Simmons will be assigned as New Brockton High School's junior high football coach and junior high basketball coach; and Eric Reynolds will be assigned as New Brockton High School's boys head basketball coach.

During a work session held prior to Tuesday's board meeting, Killingsworth told board members he would be asking to revise the Employee Incentive Program during the meeting.

He said this program was implemented in Aug. 2007 and there had been no increase to the amount since it was approved. The program offered \$250 per semester for teachers for attendance.

Killingsworth said he would ask the board to approve an increase to \$400 per semester and to allow those who accumulate two personal days to use one per each semester without it affecting their qualification for the incentive program.

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Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

WILL BE HOSTING A POND WORKSHOP

on Thursday, July 26, from 6-8 p.m. at the Coffee County Extension office. This workshop will be focused on

managing a pond for good fishing. This workshop will

cover topics such as water quality, liming, fertilization,

stocking levels, aquatic weed ID, aquatic weed control

and more. Participants can also bring pond weeds from

their own pond to be identified as well as pond water

samples to be tested. The workshop is free to attend, but

reserve a space by calling the Coffee County Extension

office at 334-894-5596.

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Elba BOE makes a couple of late hires in prep for new school year

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Schools

Board of Education mem-

bers voted Tuesday, July

17, to hire Robin

Mitchell as a Family

and Consumer

Science teacher at Elba

High School. They

also hired

Ricky Mularz as a

full time school bus driver.

Superintendent Chris

Moseley discussed with

board members the expand-

ing of the dual enrollment

classes available to the high

school students. The

expanded option would

allow the students to take

more college level courses

for credit and for free.

Moseley also updated

board members on

band camp, an All

Star game, and the

success of receiving a

waiver from the state

allowing certain activi-

ties to be substituted

for the required

Physical Education.

Teachers will officially

return to work Tuesday,

July 31st. Students will

begin class a week later.

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PUTTING WRAPS ON THE MAP.

SUBWAY ALL-NEW SAVORY ROTISSERIE-STYLE CHICKEN CAESAR **SUBWAY**

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise" –
Victor Hugo

Big lottery jackpots like the 'Mega Million' pot up for grabs this week always ignite visions of "my problems are solved" in hoards of Americans. In fact very few, if any, of us could honestly say such thoughts have not crossed our mind at one time or another. Probably the real danger with this thinking is for the people who dream such dreams every day and actually believe the winning ticket next time is going to belong to them. Unfortunately very, very few will ever get to live that dream. By the time you are reading this, millions of people will be disappointed they didn't win this week at 'Mega Million' and one or just a few will be elated over owning the winning numbers. Then we continually read about lottery winners who have no idea of how to handle such sudden wealth and make mistakes, some even wind up in bankruptcy court, because of their lack of ability to handle their "good fortune". Our advice on a sure fire way of how to double your money is very carefully fold it and put it in your pocket.

Several weeks ago we published some updated information from the City of Elba concerning the proposed FEMA buyout of flood prone homes and the status of long ago filed buyout applications. The info we published boiled down to reports of more delays. This issue has dragged on since the December flooding SEVERAL years ago. It is easy to understand the frustrations of the homeowners in this mix. Many, if not all, are still displaced after all this time and awaiting some positive word on the FEMA buyout. They may still have a mortgage on the property, want to get free from this house and do something else, etc., but have nothing but vague promises of "if". Another issue was recently brought to our attention by one of these homeowners. His homeowners insurance company has a time limit in which they will step in and help him because of the flooding issue. That time limit is fast approaching and he is justified in being very edgy about "what to do". We strongly believe these people need help and a loud, persistent advocate to push and push and push the feds a bit harder.

Area fishing enthusiasts who enjoy Red Snapper fishing in the Gulf have been successful this year. They have reached the limit set by the feds and the season is ending a weeks early. Part of this success must be placed at the feet of Elba's Charles Hayes who was recently pictured on Facebook with a 20-plus pound Snapper he had boated.

Check with local health department prior to work on onsite sewage system

Has your onsite sewage system failed? Be sure to contact your county health department

Checking with your local county health department before having work done on your onsite sewage disposal system will not only protect your family's health, it can save you money and the hassle of dealing with a failing system. That is why the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) requires an Approval for Use permit before repairing or replacing your system.

ADPH investigates complaints about onsite septic system failures that result in unapproved sewage discharge. Sewage contains harmful bacteria and pollutants that may cause illness.

When properly installed and maintained, most onsite sewage disposal systems serve homeowners well in areas where municipal sewers are not available or are not practical. Warning signs of potential system problems include wet spots in the yard, slowly draining toilets or drains, gurgling sounds in drains, and sewage odors.

When failures occur, approved repair or replacement is necessary to protect

health and avoid polluting the environment.

"We want septic tank owners to be alert to signs of system failure, respond quickly, and be aware that they must obtain a permit before they install a new system or repair an existing one," Leigh Willis, director of Community Environmental Services, ADPH, said. "If you aren't properly maintaining your system, you're hurting the environment as well as the endangering the health of yourself and your neighbors."

To help ensure rules to repair or replace malfunctioning systems are followed, the department has instituted a protocol to verify that repairs to septic systems are completed properly. Under the protocol, public health environmentalists search records to determine whether an onsite system has been approved and if there is an Approval for Use document on file. A set of spe-

cific guidelines is outlined that includes an application, a fee if applicable, and a plot plan that must be followed.

If an Approval for Use is not on file at the local health department or the homeowner cannot provide it, the applicant must contact a soil professional (ADPH soil classifier, land surveyor or engineer) for a site evaluation and follow the requirements for a new onsite sewage system. A site professional may certify and incorporate certain components of the unapproved system so long as they meet onsite sewage treatment and disposal rules.

If the failing system is an engineered system, a professional engineer must propose and design a repair.

Please contact the Environmental Office of your county health department for more information about requirements and approved options for onsite

sewage system repair and replacement. Tips to avoid trouble with your system and other information about requirements are available at alabamapublichealth.gov/environmental.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning

Monday, July 16, investigated the following incidents: one private property accident, two for harassment, one criminal trespassing, one burglary, one harassing communications, two for domestic violence, two domestic incidents, one theft of property, and one criminal mischief.

Arrests made during the week included: two for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for operating a vehicle without insurance, and one for a

suspended driver's license.

MONDAY, JULY 16 – Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1710 Jones St. for a possible gas leak (10:53 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 17 – Single vehicle wreck reported at 13882 Hwy. 87 S (6:15 a.m.); Haynes Ambulance dispatched to a wreck on County Road 200 (1:55 p.m.); Civil disturbance [verbal] reported at 1157 Morrow Ave. (11:06 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 – Elba Fire Department dispatched to the Burger King parking lot for a fluid

leak from a vehicle (8:21 a.m.); Civil disturbance reported at 1157 Morrow Ave. (11:06 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 19 – Haynes Ambulance dis-

patched to 2272 Taylor Mill Rd. (7:39 a.m.); Haynes Ambulance dis-

patched to 26758 Hwy. 87 (8:35 a.m.); Civil disturbance reported at 1157 Morrow Ave. (4:19 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dis-

patched to the area of 1397 E. Davis St. for a tree limb

on fire (6:58 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 20 – Haynes Ambulance reported on County Rd 444 just off County Rd 410 (7:08 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dis-

patched to the wreck on County Rd. 444 (7:30 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dis-

patched to help search for two missing juveniles from 1239 Jones Circle (8:01 p.m.); Civil

disturbance reported at 922 Martin Luther King Dr. (8:10 p.m.); Missing juve-

niles located and transported to police station to return to custody of parents (8:16 p.m.); Possible drug

activity reported in the Burger King parking lot (9:37 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 21 – Suspicious person reported knocking on doors on Rebecca Lane (12:39 a.m.); Civil disturbance reported at 1019 Garrett St. (3:32 a.m.); Report of possible drugs found in the restroom at the Elba Travel Center (7:06 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 22 – Haynes Ambulance dis-

patched to 15769 Hwy. 84 (12:52 p.m.); Civil disturbance reported at 335

Brunson Circle (7:16 p.m.).

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APOST

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Department. Sergeant Alvah Carlson testified during last Thursday's hearing that he provided details to APOST in the spring of the year as an informant. When asked what prompted him to do that, he said, his rank with the department and his concern for not getting qualified with his firearm.

During his testimony, Gunter said it was during an APOST audit that

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from the county's volunteer fire departments. He said the departments had agreed to lower the price for these to \$20 to help promote the resolution.

E-911 coordinator Marvin McIlwain said the address markers need to be at the access point to the residences/property. He said citizens could mark their driveway with the signs from the fire departments or something similar to those signs.

"This is very important," McIlwain said. "It's not a privacy issue. Google knows where everyone is anyway. If you don't believe it, ask Google. This is very important because we are talking about life and death. When someone is having a heart attack or stroke, seconds count. When someone is breaking in on you, seconds count."

Sheriff Dave Sutton echoed those remarks and said it is very important for citizens to get those address markers on their property.

"Folks, we like to find you and find you quickly," the sheriff said. "We have

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Main Street Elba's performance is annually evaluated by Main Street America, which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that meet ten national performance standards. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable economic development efforts and

LaVoie told him he needed to get the department some firearms qualification forms together. He said LaVoie knew the department had not properly completed firearms qualifications, so, he felt he was under a direct order when he generated the false documents.

Gunter also said when Hanchey signed the false documents that he presented them to him in a stack of

headlights and spotlights on our vehicles and this [reflective sign] is illuminated. It will help us find you."

Sutton said the purpose of this request is about life and death, not just trying to serve warrants and papers as some people seem to believe.

"We've got to get there and get there quick when needed," he said.

Greg Lee, New Brockton's fire chief, also was in attendance for Monday's press conference and he said the \$20 for a reflective address sign from the volunteer fire departments is not much when it comes to someone's life.

"It is very imperative we find you quickly when seconds count," Lee said.

He said having property properly addressed with reflective signs helps emergency responders get to where they need to be more than most people realize, and that is the ultimate purpose of the resolution to have assigned property addresses displayed.

During his comments to the Commission last Thursday, Hanchey said he was retired and had no intentions of returning to police work. He said he was asking for leniency from the Commission for his part in the matter.

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documents and showed him the signature line to sign. He said he did not specifically make Hanchey aware of what he was signing.

Hanchey had said he did not realize what he was signing at the time. Hanchey also admitted he did not read the documents when Gunter presented them to be signed.

LaVoie entered the false and forged documents into the state computer system. He said at the time he did not realize he was doing anything more than supplying documents and following his chain of command.

LaVoie said he felt Hanchey knew what was going on because, "he is the chief officer of the agency."

In a plea to the Commission, the officers said they fully regretted their actions in this matter.

Both Hanchey and Gunter officially retired from the City of Elba at the end of June, and that retirement process had been in the works before they were suspended on June 8th.

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"Main Street Elba is excited to receive this accreditation award, as it shows the commitment of the board members and volunteers to enhancing the jewel that is the City of Elba," said Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Director Sandy Bynum. "An extraordinary amount of preparation and planning goes on behind the scenes of every event and initiative that people enjoy in our town, and we're pleased that the community responds so favorably."

Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

MELTON DEWAYNE WOOD

Mr. Melton Dewayne Wood, age 47, of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Dewayne was born in Geneva, Ala. on August 6, 1970. He served as a volunteer firefighter with Battens Fire Department for 29 years. He served as captain, assistant chief, and chief with the fire department.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 21, 2018, at Ino Baptist Church with Rev. Garry Winstead and Rev. Steve Bruce officiating. Burial followed in Meadowlawn Cemetery

Survivors include his loving wife: Melissa K. Wood, Coffee Springs; two daughters: Torie and Lexie Wood, both of Coffee Springs; stepson: Logan Stinson, Coffee Springs; mother: Margie H. Wood, Coffee Springs; brother: Jeffery Wood (Christy), Coffee Springs; nieces and nephews: Jacob and Hannah Wood, Chase Rayborn, Brandon and Zachary Samuel; brother-in-law: Timothy Rayborn (Amber), Laurel, Miss.; sister-in-law: Tanya Samuel (J.C.), Clarksville, Tenn.; mother-in-law: Mary Marrow (Andrew), Donaldsonville, Ga.; and a host of friends and loved ones.

EDWARD WILSON COLE

Mr. Edward Wilson Cole, age 87, a resident of the Enterprise Health & Rehabilitation Center, died Thursday, July 19, 2018. Funeral services were held July 20, 2018

from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

His wife, Louise Hataway Cole, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his son: Scott Cole (wife Beverly), Elba; two granddaughters: Cassandra Cole, Elba, Savannah Stubbs, Troy, Ala.; two great-grandsons: Cason Moore, Elba, Caleb Stubbs, Troy; and he was anxiously awaiting the arrival of his third great-grandson, Bryant Stubbs.

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LIFESTYLES

LBWCC offers conversational Spanish class from Aug. 21 - Oct. 11 at Andalusia campus

LBW Community College in Andalusia is offering an eight-week Conversational Spanish class on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m., August 21 - October 11, 2018.

Classes will be held in the Library building in room L-133 on the Andalusia Campus.

This class will teach students basic conversational Spanish. Students will learn how to use memory techniques to quickly form

a large Spanish vocabulary in order to break the barrier of communication.

The cost of the course is \$180 per participant.

Space is limited. Students may register in person in the Student Services Office Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Friday, 8 a.m. - Noon. Registration deadline is August 14, 2018.

For more information, contact Noelle Worley at (334) 881-2231 or e-mail nworley@lbwcc.edu



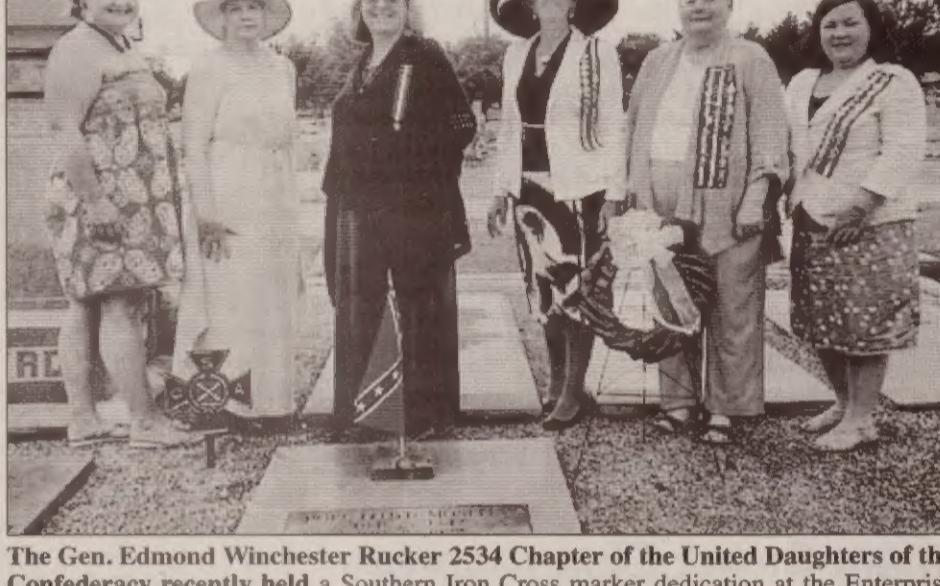
ELBA FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH VISIT ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT... For their Wednesday night, July 18, service, the youth from First Baptist Church of Elba visited the Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit, which is part of the signature events throughout Alabama during the 2017-2019 time frame in celebration of 200 years of Alabama's statehood. The exhibit has been on display throughout much of July at the National Security Conference Center in Elba for its official Coffee County stop on the tour. The First Baptist Youth enjoyed a walk through Alabama's 200 years of history, and they reportedly admitted the exhibit was very informative. The exhibit concluded its Coffee County stay on Wednesday of this week at 5 p.m. The First Baptist Youth pictured above include: Jackie Parker, Hudson Wise, Zhandria Siler, Collin Sauls, Ashley Josey, John Martin Wilson, Carson Wise, Elizabeth Woodham, Joshua Hocutt, Rebecca Woodham, Paxton Wise, Allison Moore, Paige Moore, and Desiree Copeland.

Local UDC chapter conducts Southern Iron Cross marker dedication

The Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy recently held a Southern Iron Cross marker dedication at the Enterprise City Cemetery for Private Pope Lloyd Moseley who served in Company D, Lewis' Battalion, Alabama Cavalry.

The dedication was led by Chapter President, Laura Womack-Rowell. The invocation was given by Chaplain Cathy Odom. The poem, *Graves of Confederate Dead*, was read by Rucker Chapter member, Georgia Fleming.

A roll call of the 42 Confederate veterans buried in the cemetery was given by UDC and SCV members. The dedication ritual was given President Womack-Rowell, Chapter member Patsy Stephens unveiled the



The Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy recently held a Southern Iron Cross marker dedication at the Enterprise City Cemetery. Those pictured above include: Laura Rowell, Cathy Odom, Patsy Stephens, Laura Womack-Rowell, Georgia Fleming, and Tammie Evans

marker and placed the dedication wreath.

A biography of Pope Lloyd Moseley was given.

Moseley was born 27 December 1847 to John Moseley and Ann Dean. He was the fifth of eight children.

In 1860 the family was living in Cahaba, Dallas County, Alabama.

At the age of 17 he enlisted as a private in Company D, Lewis' Battalion, Alabama Cavalry on 11 June 1864.

They were primarily assigned from the Talladega/Jacksonville area to Mobile. They engaged the enemy on 7 December 1864 and Pope was wounded at 8-mile Creek in the Mobile area.

On 4 May 1865, Company D, commanded by Capt. Henry Brooks was surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama by

Lieut. Gen. R. Taylor to Maj. Gen. E.R.S. Canby the unit was paroled 14 May 1865.

Moseley returned home to Dallas County and in 1870 at age 22 was living with his parents.

By 1880, he had become a minister of the gospel, married Rebecca A.

Page and had four children.

On 20 January 1895, it appears Rebecca died while

giving birth to her sixth child.

She is buried in Geneva City Cemetery, Geneva, Alabama.

Shortly thereafter Pope Moseley married Sarah L. Henderson

who was 22 years his junior.

In 1916 at the age of 67, Pope applied for his Confederate Service Pension.

By 1920 there were six of his children living at home plus two of his granddaughters.

ages 15 and 14. Pope Moseley died 23 July 1922 at the age of 75.

Pope Moseley is buried in the Byrd Family plot in the Enterprise City Cemetery. Although he is not a Byrd, two of Pope and Rebecca's daughters married Robert Elvyn "Bert" Byrd. Pope and his second wife Sallie are both buried with the Byrd family.

Georgia Fleming read the poem, *The Cross of Iron*. This poem is an original composition written by Georgia telling the meaning of the cross and why it is used to mark Confederate graves.

The dedication ended with a black powder cannon salute provided by Co. B, Clanton's Battery, First Battalion Light Artillery and prayer by Cathy Odom.

Coffee County School System plans Kindergarten JUMPSTART for Thursday, Aug. 2nd, at schools

Coffee County Schools (Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel) will hold their JUMPSTART program Thursday, Aug. 2, from 8-11 a.m.

JUMPSTART is a one day program that allows incoming pre k and kindergarten students an orientation opportunity before the beginning of school. The

day is three hours in length during which time the students are exposed to a mini kindergarten schedule, allowed to tour the building, and introduced to their teacher as well as several other staff members.

Students and parents are to report to the school with their beginning school supplies. The students will then go with their teacher to the classroom. The parents will remain in the library for an orientation meeting with the principal. When this meeting is completed the parents will go to their child's room for a meeting with the teacher.

During the parent/teacher meeting the teacher will explain his/her discipline plan, class schedule, rules, drop off/pick up procedure for students, answer questions, and collect lunch/snack money for the first week of school.

Parents will need to provide transportation for their child for this event.

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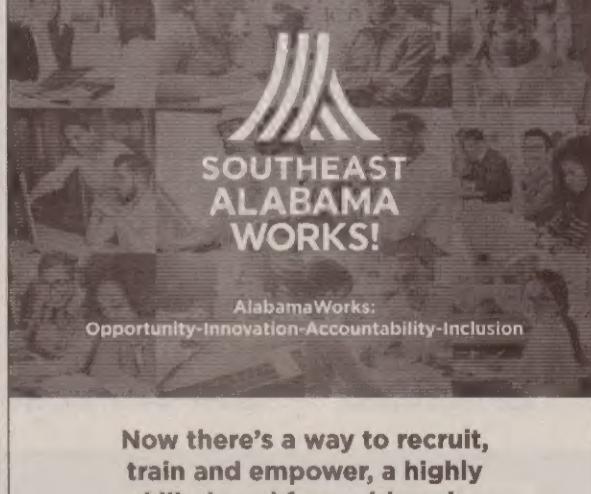
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GOD AND THE SPIDER

During World War II, a US marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific Island. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades.

Alone in the jungle, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge and crawled inside one of the caves he had seen. Although safe for the moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed.

As he waited, he prayed, "Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will though, I love and trust you. In Jesus name, Amen." After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy draw close. He thought, "Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one." Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of the cave. "Hah", he thought. "What I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor."

As the enemy drew closer he watched from the darkness of the cave. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, they glanced in the direction of his cave and moved on. Suddenly, he realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered for quite a while.

"Lord, forgive me," prayed the young man. "I had forgotten that in you and your spider's web are stronger than a brick wall."

Pray to God for help and comfort - then - look for God to help you and bless you in ways that you never imagined. Always remember what Jesus said in Mark 10:27, "With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."

Coffee County School System working to identify all persons with disabilities not enrolled in an educational setting

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities.

The parent of a child with disabilities, or those who know of someone who is disabled, are asked to contact the principal of the local school or the special education coordinator office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 334-897-5016.

It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Contact persons include:

Tami Crosby, special services coordinator, 334-897-5016
Kelly Cobb, federal programs coordinator, 334-897-5016
Danny Branch, principal, Kinston School, 334-565-3016
Jason Hadden, principal, New Brockton Elementary, 334-894-6152

Alonzo Barkley, principal, New Brockton High, 334-894-2350

Vohn Enloe, principal, Zion Chapel School, 334-897-6275

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Worship 9:45 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal

and Children's Activities) 6:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor

Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST

Rev. Remonia Smith

Church Service 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

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Larry Mills-Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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Wed. Night 7:00 p.m.

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Lovele Martin, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

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ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Newbia Baptist Church announces July 28th concert by The Cavaliers

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba, will host the Cavaliers Quartet in concert Saturday, July 28, at 6 p.m.

Free admission, but a love offering will be taken.

For more information, call Pastor Will Jordan at (334) 308-7510.

Everyone invited.

Hymnal Congregational Singing set for Aug. 4th at Country Cathedral Church

There will be Hymnal Congregational Singing on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Country Cathedral Church.

Singing begins at 6 p.m. and lasts until 8 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to bring their church hymnal.

The church is located on U.S. Hwy 84 East, Opp, Ala., between Elba and Opp. For more information call 334-493-7413.

Pianists for this event

are: Ken Helms, Byrdel Kersey, Daren Kersey, LaFern Griggs, Frieda Dyess

Song Leaders for this event are: Luther Jackson, John Barrow, Michael Bush, Glen Farri, Frieda Dyess and the

Musicians are: Gene Griggs, Michael Bush, Kerry Dyess.

There will also be a

Community Choir.

5th Sunday Night Gospel Singing set for Pleasant Ridge Church

Community, on Sunday evening, July 29, at 5 p.m.

The featured group will be Old Southern Gospel.

All are invited to attend.

First Assembly of God in Elba set to host VBS Fun Day on Saturday

First Assembly of God, located at 1320 Highland Drive, Elba, will be sponsoring a free VBS Fun Day for children ages 4 to 12 on Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

There will be water slides, puppets, music, games, food, and free school supplies. One winner from each age group will win all of their school supplies, fully paid.

Girls are urged to wear a swim suit with shorts and shirt over it. Boys need to wear shorts or swim shorts and shirt. Children should also bring a towel with their name on it.

Each child will need a registration form filled out

**Church News
is due on Monday!**

Round and About
With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Lord the Shepherd of His people. Psalm 23: 1-6

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Bernice Culver, Angie Fitch, Joe Rudolph, Michael Manning, Min. Robert Edwards, Estella Moultrie, Annette Brunson, Larry/Mary Megginson, Rosemary Edwards

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Beverly Coleman 7/1 (in memory)

Michael Martin 7/1

Alonzo/Deana Cole 7/1 (W.A.)

Rev. Lovell Martin 7/1

Jackie Whitfield 7/1

Yokesha Terry 7/1

Terrance Kelley 7/2

Grady/Brenda Brooks 7/2 (W.A.)

Arrain Henderson 7/3

Joseph Long 7/3 (in memory)

Larry/Louella Folmar 7/3 (W.A.)

Latonya D. Smedley 7/5

Eugene Nelson 7/5

* Saturday Night Gospel Singing at Newbia Baptist Church

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Highway 189, Elba, will have its annual Homecoming service on Sunday, Aug. 12th.

This will be the 85th anniversary celebration for the church as well.

The music program will begin at approximately 9:45 a.m. with the morning worship service set for 11 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be held in the fellowship hall immediately following morning worship.

All are invited to attend this special service for Basin Baptist Church.

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Church, 5202 Watkins Drive, Jackson, Miss., extends an invitation to all to join as the church prepares to enter its new place of worship, located at 1555 Beasley Rd. in Jackson. This service will be Sunday, July 29, at 3 p.m.

Question / Answer Session
Q/A for the Week of 7-19-18

Q: During their travels God guided the Israelites by a during the day and by at night.

A: God guided the Israelites by a cloud during the day and a fire by night. (read Exodus 40: 38)

Thought to Remember
Eternity is a Long Time to be wrong

Question for the Week of 7/26/18



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Closing date is August 3, 2018

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Job Openings**Coffee County Landfill Landfill Operator II w/CDL's**

Operates heavy equipment and performs jobs as needed for day to day operations of the County Landfill. Assigned to the County Landfill to work under the supervision of the Landfill Manager and Landfill Foreman. Should also be able to perform duties as needed unsupervised. Notifies supervisor of mechanical and safety problems. Performs routine manual labor as required. Follow directions of the Landfill Manager and Foreman. Assist in regular required preventative maintenance as needed. Demonstrates experience operating heavy equipment. A valid Alabama Drivers License is required. Requires Class A CDL's with tanker and HAZMAT endorsements, and knowledge, experience operating crawler dozers, excavators and articulating dump trucks preferred. Ability to understand and follow oral or written policies and instructions. Knowledge of basic equipment preventative maintenance. Ability to communicate with others. Salary is dependent upon experience.

Coffee County Landfill Landfill Operator II without CDL's

Operates equipment and performs jobs as needed for day to day operations of the County Landfill. Assigned to the County Landfill to work under the supervision of the Landfill Manager and Landfill Foreman. Should also be able to perform duties as needed unsupervised. Notifies supervisor of mechanical and safety problems. Performs routine manual labor as required. The principal duties of this position are performed in a landfill environment.

Follow directions of the Landfill Manager and Foreman. Assist in regular required preventative maintenance as needed. Demonstrates experience operating equipment, and a valid Alabama Drivers License is required. Ability to understand and follow oral or written policies and instructions. Knowledge of basic equipment preventative maintenance. Ability to communicate with others. Salary is dependent upon experience.

Closing date for each of these job openings is August 3, 2018. Applications must be submitted online at

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF EVELYN W. HOCUTT Deceased.

Cast NO. PC 2018-052

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take Notice that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Della LaWanna Flowers as Personal Representative of the Estate of Evelyn W. Hocutt, deceased, on July 3, 2018 by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

*/s/ Della Lawanna Flowers
Della Lawanna Flowers
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Evelyn W. Hocutt,
deceased
7/12,19,26-pd*
U. S. Tank, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of a contract with Coffee County Water Authority for water system improvements - Britt and Fairview tank painting and rehabilitation. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning July 12, 2018 and ending August 2, 2018. All claims in connection with this project should be filed during this period with the Engineer, David Hicks and Associates, 406 Dothan Road, Abbeville, AL 36310.

7-12,19,26-8/2-4t

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
STATE-FUNDED PROJECT NO: IAR-016-000-023
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Coffee County Commission at the Office Complex in New Brockton, Alabama, until 9:00 A.M., August 14, 2018, and at that time publicly open for constructing the following:

Planing, Resurface, Traffic Stripe and Turn Lanes on C.R. 114 from AL Hwy. 167 northeasterly to Wayne Farms. Length - 0.886 miles in the County of Coffee, State of Alabama.

The bracket estimate on this project is from \$500,000 to \$600,000. This bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award the contract.

The entire project shall be completed in thirty-five (35) working days.

A cashier's check (drawn on an Alabama bank) or bid bond payable to the Coffee County Commission for an amount of 5% of bid (maximum - \$10,000) must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

Proposals will be issued only to and accepted from contractors on the Alabama Department of

Transportation's (ALDOT) List of Pre-Qualified Contractors.

The award of the contract will be made only to a contractor who has a valid certification of qualification from ALDOT as required by State Law and will not be made to any bidder who is considered by ALDOT to be disqualified from bidding, or is an affiliate of or has a corporate officer, director, or principal owner who is a corporate officer, director, or owner of, another person who is presently disqualified by ALDOT.

Further details and definitions regarding this provision are included in section 102 of special provision 18-LPA2 and ALDOT's standard specifications.

Proof of insurance coverage of the types and amounts as set forth in the project specifications will be required of the contractor, and any and all subcontractors, prior to beginning work. The contractor will be required to perform work amounting to at least 30% of the total contract cost with his own organization.

This is a state-funded project through ALDOT. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Plans, Specifications and Proposals may be obtained at the Coffee County Engineer's Office, Highway 84, New Brockton, Alabama from 6:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday (telephone 334/894-6112).

A proposal fee of \$10.00 is required if plans are picked up and a fee of \$20.00 is required if plans are mailed.

The \$10.00 Fee will be returned to unsuccessful bidders who return plans in a reusable condition within ten (10) days after bid opening.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him by the Coffee County Commission. Bids will be received only from

contractors duly licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

Dean Smith, Chairman Coffee County Commission 7/26,8/2&8/9-chg.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION**JACK WATER SYSTEM, INC.****NOTICE OF APPLYING FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN/GRANT**

The Jack Water System is requesting funding from USDA Rural Development's Utilities Programs (Rural Utilities Service) for a loan/grant to assist in funding the construction of an elevated water storage tank and a well rehabilitation.

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PUBLIC NOTICE**Subject: DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW**

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Property Owner: TCJ Financial / Mike Carnley

The City of Elba Zoning Board is conducting a Public Hearing to consider a request for a Development Plan Review.

The Public Hearing will be held at the Elba City Hall on August 6th, 2018, at 6:00 PM. The request being considered will be to construct a new business on an undeveloped parcel in the B-2 Zone.

You are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing to express any concerns or comments you may have.

Should you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact William Worthington at Elba City Hall, or call 334-897-2333. Thank You

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UDC Southern Iron Cross marker dedication held recently near Elba

The amazing view of the Pea River valley from the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Cemetery near Elba was the site of a recent Southern Iron Cross Marker dedication conducted by the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The marker was placed at the grave of Private Charles Isaac Sanders who served in Company G, 63rd Infantry 2nd Regiment Alabama Reserves during the War between the States.

The opening prayer was given by Chapter Chaplain, Cathy Odom. The welcome and introductions were given by Chapter President, Laura Womack-Rowell. A roll call of Confederate veterans buried in the Bethlehem cemetery was given by UDC and SCV members.

There are 17 Confederate veterans interred in the cemetery.

A short biography of Sanders was given by Hilda Culver Allen.

Charles Sanders was born on December 9, 1845 in Georgia to Jeremiah and Martha Elizabeth Sanders, the sixth of 16 children. Charles enlisted in the Confederate Army at the age of 16 on May 16, 1864 in Troy, Alabama. The 63rd Alabama was primarily organized for the defense of Mobile and the bay forts. The Regiment remained in defense of Mobile until ordered to Spanish Fort and later to Fort Blakely. They were captured on April 9, 1865. Sanders is listed as a prisoner of war, captured at Blakely and sent to Ship Island near Biloxi Mississippi on April 15, 1865. He transferred from Ship Island to Vicksburg on May 1, 1865. The company commanded by Capt. A. V. Lee surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama on May 13, 1865.

After the war, Charles came back to Pike County where he married Frances Welthie Reese on January 11, 1867. Over the next two decades they lived in Pike, Coffee and Geneva Counties and raised 11 children. In the census records Charles is listed as a farmer, carpenter, saw mill worker and in 1900 he is Town Marshall of Elba. In 1920 the census shows Charles at age 74, a widow. On January 23, 1921 at age 75 he was laid to rest beside his loving wife, Frances.

The dedication ritual was given by Womack-Rowell. The marker was unveiled by Ronnie Culver and the dedication wreath was placed by Hilda Culver Allen, great-great-grandchildren of Sanders.

The dedication ended with a black powder cannon salute by Company B, Clanton's Battery, First Battalion Alabama Light Artillery. The closing prayer was given by Cathy Odom.

Following the marker dedication, President Womack-Rowell and Company B, Clanton's Battery Commander, Ray Kyle and others present,

Coffee County Conservation board meeting set for Aug. 2nd

The Coffee County Conservation District will conduct its August board meeting Thursday, Aug. 2, at 10 a.m.

The board will be meeting at the Alabama Forestry Commission building, located at 1155 E. McKinnon, New Brockton, Ala.



PHOTO TO THE LEFT: A Southern Iron Cross Marker dedication was conducted recently by the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Cemetery near Elba. Pictured are Ronnie Culver, Hilda Culver Allen, and Wayne Sutley, all Great-Great-Grandchildren of Charles Isaac Sanders. The marker was placed at Sanders' grave (as shown in the photo).



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Coffee County Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility: Children need healthy meals to learn. Coffee County Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.00; lunch costs \$2.25. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or TANF, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children who are directly certified are eligible to receive free meals.
- Children who currently receive benefits from an Assistance Program (SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR) can extend eligibility for free meals to all children who are members of the household. If any child in a household receiving Assistance Program benefits was not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the school district or school to have benefits extended to that child.
- Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES 2018-2019

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR FREE MEALS/MILK			HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS/MILK				
	PER YEAR	PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS		PER YEAR	PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	PER WEEK	
1	15,782	1,316	607	304	1	22,459	1,872	864	432
2	21,398	1,784	823	412	2	30,451	2,538	1,172	586
3	27,014	2,252	1,039	520	3	38,443	3,204	1,479	740
4	32,630	2,720	1,255	628	4	46,435	3,870	1,786	893
5	38,246	3,188	1,471	736	5	54,427	4,536	2,094	1,047
6	43,862	3,656	1,687	844	6	62,419	5,202	2,401	1,201
7	49,478	4,124	1,903	952	7	70,411	5,868	2,709	1,355
8	55,094	4,592	2,119	1,060	8	78,403	6,534	3,016	1,508

FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER

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2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail your child's school or Carol Mooney, homeless liaison or migrant coordinator. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to your child's school.

3. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Janet N. Hendricks, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, AL 36323, 334-897-5016, hendricksj@coffeecounty.k12.al.us immediately.

4. CAN I APPLY ONLINE? No. An online application is not available at this time.

5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through September 17, 2018. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

6. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. In accordance with program regulations school officials will be verifying the income of some households at some time during the school year. Selected households will be requested to provide income documentation in order to continue receiving free and reduced-price meals.

8. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

9. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Kevin Killingsworth, Superintendent, Coffee County Schools, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323, 334-897-5016..

10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

11. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

12. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

13. DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? Only the last 4 digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is required.

14. MAY I DECLINE BENEFITS? Yes. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the LEA or school if they choose to decline the free meal benefits.

15. WHAT IF ALL CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS ARE NOT ON THE NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY LETTER? If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

16. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

17. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact your child's school to receive a second application.

18. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-382-0499.

If you have other questions or need help, call 334-897-5016.

Sincerely,
Janet N. Hendricks
Child Nutrition Director

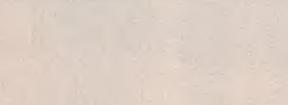
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Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We took our grandson Lawson shopping for his school supplies over the weekend and let out little man pick out his own items in a very crowded Wal-Mart. He decided that since he would now be in the second grade he would get everything the same color, and picked out green as his color for the year. The buggy was almost filled with various supplies and a few other things he needed, and now we still get to look forward to going with him and his Mom on a trip for school clothes. Maybe by then my nerves will be calmed down!

For what it is worth....

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association held its annual 'All-Star' week last week with a couple of area student-athletes competing in various events. Elba Tiger Alex Wright was a member of the South All-Stars in basketball and was on a winning team as the South claimed an impressive 61-57 win. Wright saw only five minutes of action in the game that was filled with Division 1 prospects, but did pull down a pair of rebounds and clearly deserved to be on the team. Over in softball, Brantley's Cassidy Wilcox was on the South squad and helped her team earn a split in a double-header. Wilcox got one hit in three trips to the plate, and it was a home run in the South's 3-0 win. Both players are among the best in the state in their respective sports and showed it last week at the state All-Star games.

*** Two teams from Coffee County will make the long trip to Alexandria, Louisiana, this week to compete at the Dixie Softball World Series. Both teams will carry state championship banners and wear 'Alabama' uniforms at the national event, and both are convinced they have a shot at bringing home a trophy. Zion Chapel will represent the state in the 'Angels' division, for girls ages 10 and under, while the Coffee County All-Stars, from Elba and New Brockton, will compete in the 'Ponytails' division for girls ages 12 and under. To have two state champions from our county is quite a feat, and for the teams to advance to the World Series is really an accomplishment. The trip and the chance to compete against girls their age from all across the nation is a win-win situation for all the girls and coaches, and one they will never forget. Good Luck!

*** The AHSA released its annual list of fines and ejections of its member schools last week and as always the list is long and the fines are high. I agree that schools should receive some sort of punishment for actions not deemed appropriate, but have never agreed in fines. The state association could make players and coaches actually attend a weekend course in sportsmanship instead of letting them go on-line and watching a video, or could classify the fines based on severity and use a probation system that could actually lead to punishment. Most schools in the state are strapped financially, especially in athletics, and for a small school like A.L. Johnson being forced to pay almost \$3,000 in fines due to one unfortunate incident just doesn't fair. I know money makes the world go around, but feel a change is needed on the enforcement arm of the AHSA.

*** In closing.... work is now finished on the basketball court at Elba High and the floor is just as beautiful as it was the day it was installed. The floor on the basketball court had grown dark over the year due to coats of varnish being applied to give it that 'shine,' and was in bad need of work. The court was sanded down to remove all the old varnish and paint, and now is a much lighter surface with the Elba logo at midcourt. The parquet look also returned with the new varnish, and it is once again the best looking court in South Alabama. The Lady Tigers will get to christen the court in volleyball in late August, while the Tigers will no doubt enjoy playing on the court this fall.

Oh yea, those of you that are Coca Cola drinkers will have to sneak in your own drinks to Elba games this year since the school has made the switch to Pepsi. The switch comes after years of selling Coca Cola products.

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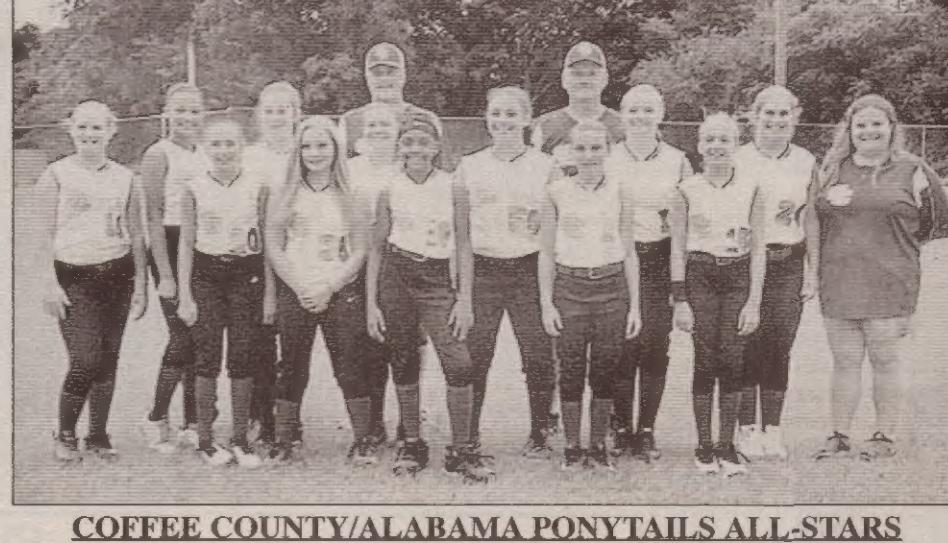


In Louisiana County All-Stars headed to World Series

The Coffee County All-Stars will hit the road this weekend to compete in the Dixie Softball World Series, in Alexandria, Louisiana, and will be looking to bring home a championship trophy in the nine-team event.

"The girls have been working hard to get ready for the World Series and we fully expect to be very competitive at the tournament," said team manager Johnny Senn. "I know we haven't played in over a month, but we stayed sharp with a practice schedule that enabled the players to get in lots of work and also gave them time away from the field. All the teams in the tournament are state champions and will be really good teams, but we will carry the Alabama state championship banner into the tournament and believe we fully deserve to be among the teams in the event."

"The girls all know how to play and should be at their peak when the tournament starts," added Senn, "and the experience of trav-



COFFEE COUNTY/ALABAMA PONYTAILS ALL-STARS

eling to Louisiana, staying together in a team hotel, going through the ceremonies associated with the event, and of course competing in the tournament, should be something the players will never forget and will hopefully light a fire under all the players to continue their careers in softball. It has been an honor to work with the girls during the summer and they will all always be a part of my family. It has

been a long summer, but one we all will never forget."

The All-Stars will play their opening game on Sunday, July 29, at 9:00 AM, against the winner of the North Carolina-Florida game. A win will move the All-Stars into a game on Sunday night at 9:30

against either Louisiana or Mississippi, while a loss would send the All-Stars into an elimination game on Sunday night at 5:30

against Texas, Louisiana, Georgia or South Carolina. The tournament will end on Tuesday, July 31.

Team members include Logan Faircloth, Emily Richardson, Aimee Senn, Danielle Tidwell, Destinee Tidwell, A'Lyric Whitfield, Caitlin Sullivan, Halle Everts, Katylynn Little, Kallie Qualls, Madison Meeks, and Daven Cavanaugh. Coaches are Jonny Senn, Eddie Lee and Ashley White.

AHSAA releases list of fines and ejections

The Alabama High School Athletic Association released its annual report on fines and ejections of its member schools last week for the 2017-2018 school year, with a number of area schools on the list, including all five schools in Coffee County.

Elba High School was fined for an incomplete school audit, while Enterprise was hit with four fines, including three for ejections, with one each in football, soccer and baseball.

Zion Chapel was also fined for an incomplete school audit, while Kinston had two fines, including an ejection in baseball, and New Brockton was fined a total of five times, with one for an ejection in basketball.

Winterboro High School was the most fined school in the AHSAA, with a total of 16 fines that totaled \$2,750, including 10 ejections for an altercation in football. Huntsville High School, Ellwood Christian and A.L. Johnson were all hit with a total of nine fines and over \$4,000 in total fines, while schools with eight fines included Citronelle, Foley, Gardendale, Northridge

and Park Crossing. Schools that were fined a total of seven times were Curry, Bob Jones, Calera, Etowah, Lincoln, Weaver, Russell County and Pell City.

Area schools on the list included Ariton, three fines, including one for an ejection in basketball; Brantley, two fines, including one ejection in baseball; Charles Henderson, five fines, including two ejections in football, one ejection in softball and one ejection in baseball; Daleville, two fines, including one ejection in football; Florala, one fine, with one ejection in basketball; Geneva County, five fines, including two ejections in basketball, one ejection in football and one ejection in baseball; Georgiana, two fines, with two ejections in football; Houston Academy, five fines, including four ejections in soccer; Luverne, four fines, including three ejections in football; Opp, two fines, including one ejection in baseball; Pike County, three fines, including one ejection in baseball; Samson, three fines, including one ejection in baseball; and Goshen, one fine, with an ejection in baseball.

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Elba Tiger Alex Wright pulled down two rebounds in five minutes of action last week in the North-South All-Star basketball game in Montgomery.

(Photo by Colby Capps)



Brantley Lady Bulldog Kassidy Wilcox belted a home run at last week's North-South All-Star softball series in Montgomery.

(Photo by Colby Capps)



ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONS, from Zion Chapel, will compete this week at the Dixie Softball World Series, in Alexandria, Louisiana. The All-Stars will begin play on Saturday at 11:00 AM against Virginia. A win will move the All-Stars into a 9:00 AM game on Sunday against Mississippi, while a loss would put the All-Stars into an elimination bracket game against either Georgia or Texas, at 11:00. Team members of the Alabama state champions include Kaylee Hodge, Aubrey Bassett, Eva Barnett, Hagen Sessions, Gracie Paramore, Jenna Boley, Caroline Jordan, Virginia Faircloth, Sydney Boothe, Savannah Norris, Kylie Jordan and Claire Clark. Coaches are David Jordan, Chris Hodge, Krysti Boothe and April Hodge.

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County employee honored upon retirement



During the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, July 23, Coffee County Environmental Services Officer Dean Blair recognized a longtime employee for her retirement. Laouida Miller (left) served many years in the county's environmental services office (previously known as the solid waste office), and she retired recently. Blair thanked Miller for her many years of dedicated service to the office and he presented her with a plaque showing the county's appreciation for all she did while service the citizens of the county. Following the commission meeting, everyone in attendance was invited to enjoy refreshments, provided by the Environmental Services Offices, in honor of Miller. She has several family members in attendance for Monday's presentation.

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appointments to the E-911 board in need of approval.

He said the Mayor of Elba had recommended William Worthington to be appointed to a 4-year term to serve the Elba area, and the Mayor of New Brockton had recommended Dale Grimes be reappointed to another 4-year term to serve the New Brockton area. These recommendations were approved with no opposition.

The next Coffee County

Commission meeting will be Monday, Aug. 13, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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This is the first deployment; other public areas are being looked at to add to the program.

CCBOE

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Killingsworth said he felt this increase in the incentive program would help curb some of the cost the system is paying for substitutes, and it would let the employees know they are appreciated for being there every day.

During the meeting, the motion to approve this revision to the Employee Incentive Program passed with no opposition.

Killingsworth said the system had received a resignation of the part-time School Resource Officer. Supplying the school system with three SRO's is a joint project between the school system and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

Killingsworth said it had been requested that the part-time position be filled with another full-time SRO under the same contract terms as the other two full-time officers. He said the estimated increase in cost for the school system would be \$6,000-\$8,000 per year, depending on the experience of the officer hired.

Board members approved the motion to revise the School Resource Officer Agreement with Coffee County to accommodate for another full-time officer.

Also during the work session Tuesday, the superintendent said as of Monday, July 23, the expected increase in enrollment for New Brockton Elementary School was at 140 students and 36 students for New Brockton High School.

He said plans were in work to have a team set up the first week of school at the central office to help with the intake of enrollment for the New Brockton schools. Also, he said while the school system works to get the new portable classrooms ready and approved for the elementary school, sixth graders would be placed at the high school. Once the portable classrooms are ready, he said the sixth graders would be back at the elementary school.

"With the numbers we have, we need somewhere to house the sixth graders, and there is room at the high school," Killingsworth said.

"As much as we can, we plan to keep them separated and isolated from the high school students during this time."

He asked everyone to be patient as the school works to accommodate its growth at New Brockton.

The next regular board meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, Aug. 2, at 5:30 p.m.

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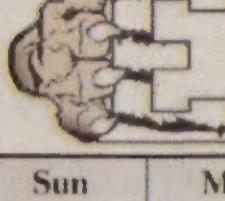


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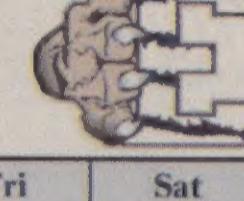
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Kindergarten Jump Start set for July 25th-26th at Elba Elementary School

Elba Elementary School's Kindergarten Jump Start will be held July 25th-26th from 8:30-11 a.m.

All new kindergarten students for Elba City Schools

are invited to come join the fun. By attending these two short days, the new kindergarten students will have the opportunity to become familiar with faculty, friends, and the procedures

of their new school before the older students arrive.

For those not enrolled in school yet, registration packets are available in the elementary office.

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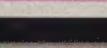
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Coffee County Schools to hold Title I meetings

Kinston, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel Schools invite all parents to attend their annual school-wide Title I meeting Thursday, Aug. 2.

Parents will gather in a general assembly to participate in a Title I presentation. The Title I program for parents is designed to: 1) inform parents about Title I regulations, 2) involve parents in local Title I decisions, 3) information on raising student achievement and 4) encourage active participation in their children's school and education. School officials encourage all parents to join them for this informative meeting.

Meeting times on Aug. 2nd are as follows:

Kinston - 5:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

New Brockton Elementary School - 5:30 p.m.

New Brockton High School - 4:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Zion Chapel - 4 p.m. for elementary parents and 5:30 p.m. for high school parents and those unable to attend the earlier session

For those who have any questions, call the child's school.

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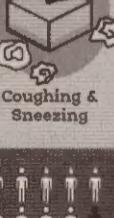
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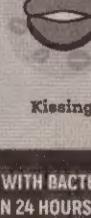
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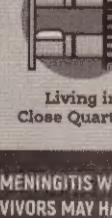
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